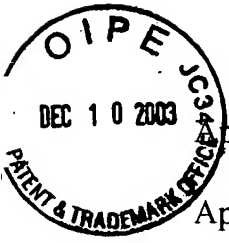


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-84285, published on March 26, 1999,
together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-119131, published on April 30, 1999,
together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,313,906 to
NAGASAKA et al., issued on November 6, 2001;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 11-326804, published on November 26,
1999, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,452,687 to
SUZUKI et al., issued on September 17, 2002. Applicant notes that the U.S. Patent is
discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,317,245 to HAMA et al., issued on November 13, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,392,772 to HAMA et al., issued on May 21, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,392,773 to HAMA et al., issued on May 21, 2002; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,396,615 to HAMA et al., issued on May 28, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/993,487 to KOREEDA et al., entitled "A Scanning Optical System", filed on November 27, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/142,147 to KOREEDA, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on May 10, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/142,149 to KOREEDA, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on May 10, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/173,613 to IIZUKA et al., entitled "Scanning Optical

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System”, filed on June 19, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/173,769 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled “Scanning Optical System”, filed on June 19, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/290,161 to KOREEDA, entitled “Scanning Optical System”, filed on November 8, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/294,615 to TAKAKUBO, entitled “Scanning Optical System”, filed on November 15, 2002. Applicant notes that this application is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/322,524 to TAKAKUBO, entitled “Scanning Optical System”, filed on December 19, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/347,282 to TAKAKUBO, entitled “Scanning Optical System”, filed on January 21, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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